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Optimistic look at year ahead in Nutter's budget

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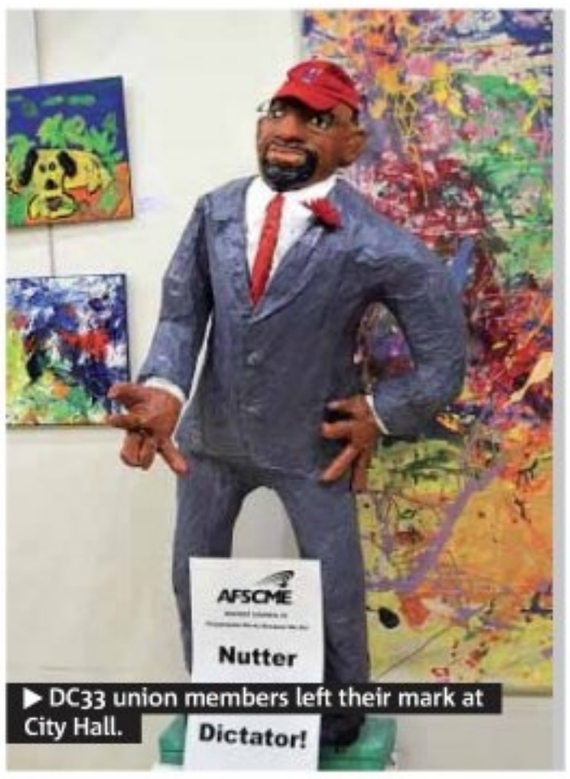
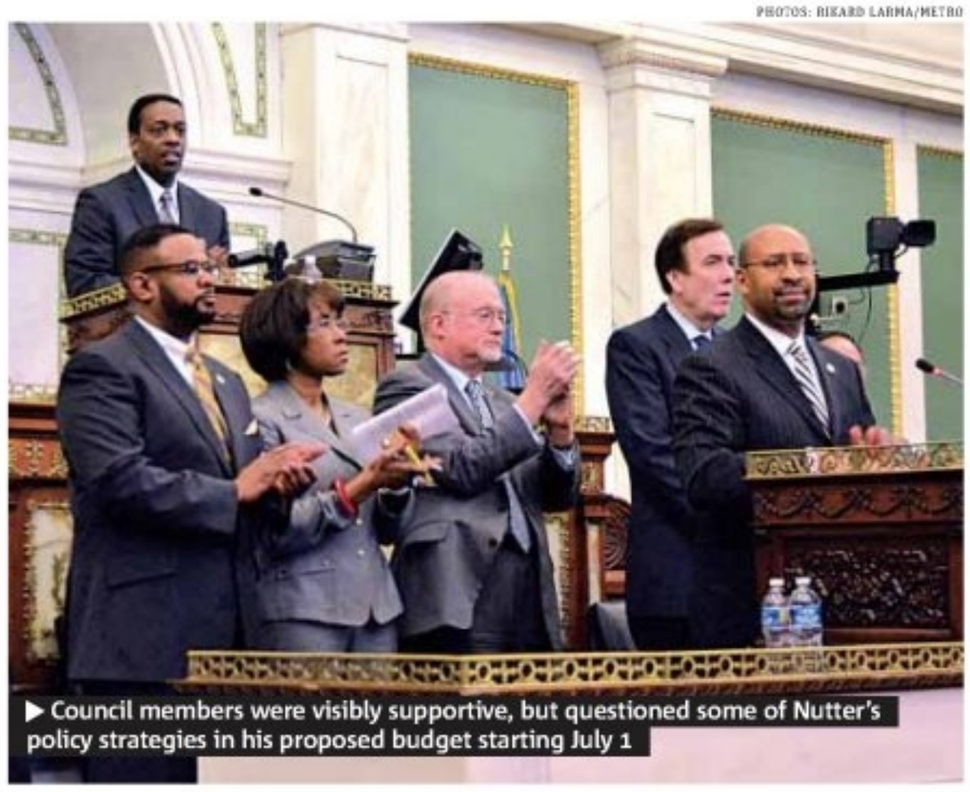


▶ DC33 union members left their mark at City Hall.


▶ Council members were visibly supportive, but questioned some of Nutter's policy strategies in his proposed budget starting July 1

What exactly is a tax increase? Does a politician have to use those exact words before the rest of us can consider paying more in total taxes to the city as just that — a tax increase?

That was the question buzzing throughout City Hall after Mayor Michael Nutter said no new tax increases will be needed to pay for his proposed 2012-2013 budget starting July 1, yet the broken school district will still get $90 million in additional funding through tax revenue created through a planned revaluation of all city properties.

Nutter is also optimistic tax revenue from traditional sources like the business privilege and wage taxes will increase in the year ahead.

"Our finances have begun to stabilize, tax receipts are beginning to grow modestly again, our unemployment rate is slowing coming down and businesses are investing and creating jobs, " Nutter said.

"Some of the revenue situations will be challenging for some of our members to be supportive of." CLARKE

Banking on those continued successes, the proposed spending plan includes ambitious projects like a $20 million Love Park renovation similar to the current Dilworth Plaza overhaul and a new police headquarters in West Philadelphia.

"How it's characterized by whomever to some people is not relevant," Council President Darrell Clarke said of the additional tax revenue. "I expect that the people who will have to pay cash from their pocket to City Hall will consider it a tax."

Clarke did say that he was pleased with some aspects of the budget. "It's encouraging, in a sense — it appears that there are some signs of stabilization."

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Jeers from unions in balconies

PHILADELPHIA. The balconies of City Council were packed with workers from AFSCME's District Council 33, the largest union of the city's blue-collar city workers. DC33 has been locked in a stalemate with the administration over a contract for three years.

Nutter entered the chambers to boos, stomping and chants of "Keep your word!". Similar outbursts regularly interrupted his speech, at times drowning him out.

During his address, Nutter identified employee health care and pension costs as one of the three major financial challenges facing the city — 68 percent of the budget goes toward worker salaries and benefits, he said, and the costs are growing at an unaffordable rate.

'Challenges'

Here's a look at some of the other budget points:

- **Major financial challenges:** The school district budget gap, with $26 million left to close this fiscal year and an anticipated $150 million to $400 million gap next year; state funding; and the salaries and benefits of municipal employees, which account for 68 percent of the city budget and are growing at an unaffordable rate, with the pension fund still only 50 percent funded
- **Public safety overhaul:** Hiring nearly 400 new police officers by the end of the next fiscal year; spending $6.6 million to renovate six police stations and 11 firehouses; and opening a new, state-of-the-art police headquarters that will be co-located with the city morgue and health offices at 4601 Market St.
- **Business incubation:** Restart reductions in wage and business taxes that were suspended during the economic downturn next year; and enact the package of tax cuts and business-friendly measures passed by City Council in November.

In the news

Pill mill doc popped

A 79-year-old doctor was sentenced to five years in prison for running a pill mill from his North Philadelphia office. Lewis Meyer Jacobs pleaded guilty in September to claims that including selling prescriptions for OxyContin and Percocet to drug dealers and addicts. Authorities estimate Jacobs made $1.2 million from the scheme. METRO

In the news

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IDs for fugitives

A PennDOT supervisor has been charged with helping fugitives obtain phony driver's licenses. State police allege Khalif Abdullah Ali, 43, of Philadelphia, a supervisor at the Malvern Driver's License Center, helped criminals steal other people's identities to avoid law enforcement between August 2010 and March 2011. He is charged with tampering with public records and conspiracy to commit identity theft. METRO

Protests of warlord in Philly

PHILADELPHIA. Philadelphia will hold its own "Cover the Night" event as part of a worldwide day of nonviolent protest against African warlord Joseph Kony on April 20.

More than 3,500 Philadelphia Facebook users were listed as attending by Thursday morning. The social media campaign went viral worldwide after San Diego-based nonprofit Invisible Children released "Kony 2012," a documentary short about the wanted war criminal, on YouTube on Monday. METRO/AW

Store slaying suspect wanted

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police have issued an arrest warrant for a suspect in Saturday morning's fatal shooting of B&R Check Cashing owner Joel Blumer.

Eric Locke, 31, allegedly shot Blumer several times as he attempted to open his business on the 2500 block of West Sterner Street shortly before 9 a.m. Blumer died at Temple University Hospital. METRO/AW

Prison for getting out of prison

PHILADELPHIA. A city woman was sentenced to five years in prison for a scam to avoid prison.

LeAnn Moock, 35, was sentenced in 2007 for embezzling money from elderly people. To avoid going to prison, she created letters from supposed doctors stating she was seriously ill. Moock since had elective plastic surgery and stole her father's identity to obtain $56,000 in loans. METRO

Cell use will mean 'blood on their hands'

PHOTOS: BEKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Talking on a handheld cell phone while driving is legal again in Philadelphia.

Police began enforcing Pennsylvania's texting ban on Thursday which prohibits motorists from reading, typing or sending messages behind the wheel.

The ban is a primary offense, meaning officers can pull someone over just for violating the law. It supersedes the Philadelphia ordinance that went into effect in December 2010 outlawing the use of handheld cell phones by drivers.

While the new legislation is supposed to make the roads safer by cracking down on one of the biggest distractions for motorists, many say it will be hard to enforce because drivers are still allowed to dial and make calls, making it hard for officers to tell if someone is actually texting.

"The law was created by cell phone lobbyists to allow people to be on their phones to allow them to make money on the streets and highways of Philadelphia," City Councilman Bill Green said during Thursday's Council session. "There's blood on their hands."

▶ Green

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Citations issued in Philadelphia by city police between December 2010 and March 5, 2012, during the local ban on all handheld cell phone use. Drivers can now talk on their phones again.

Some motorists are glad for the more relaxed law.

"I absolutely like that. I think [talking on the phone while driving] is the lesser of two evils," said Gladwyne resident Alex Certo-Ware, who works in Philadelphia.

Linda Gonya, who works in Philadelphia but lives in South Jersey, said she expects to see an increase in the number of people talking on their phone.

"I don't do either, ever," Gonya said of talking or texting behind the wheel. "I think they're worse off now because the officers they're not going to be able to do much about it. ... You're going to see more people on the phone, which means more accidents."

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Lots of tickets by city cops since 2010

Philadelphia's ordinance also applied to cyclists, rollerbladers and skateboarders. Between December 2010 and March 5, 2012, a total of 31,587 citations had been handed out in the city, police said.

Under the state law, drivers face a $50 fine for each violation.

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Natural causes in cardinal's death

Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua died of natural causes and no foul play is suspected, the Montgomery County Coroner announced Thursday.

Coroner Walter Hoffman said toxicology tests revealed nothing unusual about the 88-year-old's death on Jan. 31 and that there was no correlation between his passing and a Common Pleas Court judge's ruling the day before that Bevilacqua was competent to testify in a priest sex-abuse trial. Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman requested the inquiry into Bevilacqua's death due to the timing.

Hofman said the cause of death was heart disease and that prostate cancer contributed to his death.

"He'd been under excellent medical care and all of his physicians ... cooperated fully with our investigation," Hofman said during a press conference.

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▶ Bevilacqua died Jan. 31.

Bevilacqua retired in 2003 and had been largely confined to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood where he died. Officials said he had been diagnosed with dementia and cancer.

A taped deposition of Bevilacqua is expected to be read to the jury during the trial of Monsignor William Lynn, who is accused of transferring pedophile priests to other parishes. Lynn's trial begins March 26.

"His eminence was 88 years old, was under very good medical care, had significant preexisting natural disease. Elderly people suddenly die. This is a natural death."
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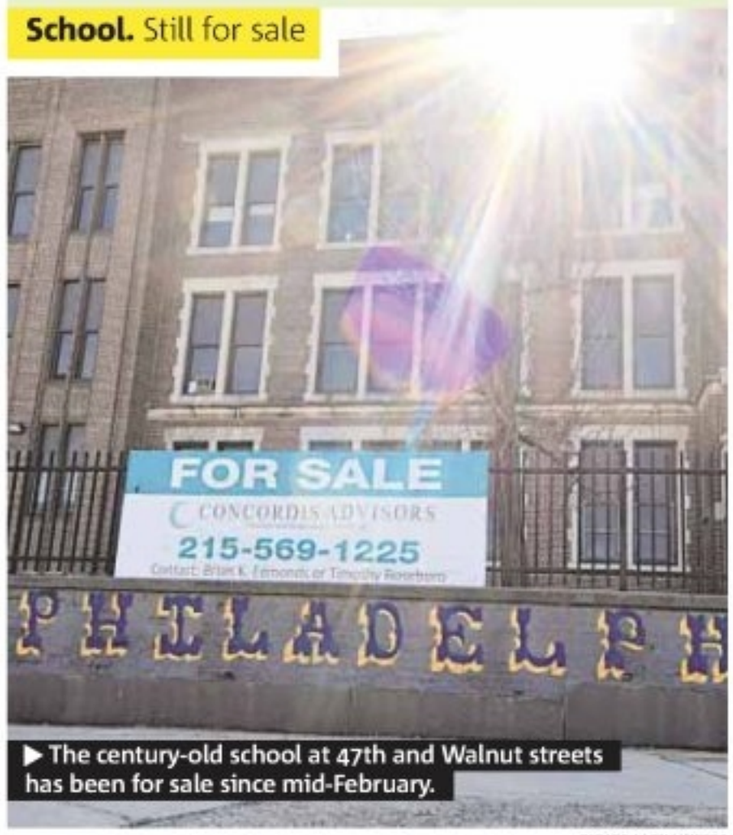
School. Still for sale



▶ The century-old school at 47th and Walnut streets has been for sale since mid-February.

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West Philly remains on block

Three weeks after the former home to West Philadelphia High School went on the block for a reported $6.5 million, the block-sized facility is still advertising itself as available. According to school documents, the property is brokered by Concordis Real Estate Advisors.

Philanthropist takes over Inky sale offer

PHILADELPHIA. H.F. Lenfest has replaced former Gov. Ed Rendell as chairman of an investor group interested in buying Philadelphia Media Network, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Lenfest told the paper that Rendell asked him to take over. It is unclear if Rendell is still involved, as he refused calls for comment.

The investor group includes George Norcross III and philanthropist Raymond Perelman. Two other groups, one led by developer Bartstein and another by Raymond Perelman's son, Jeffrey Perelman, were reportedly rebuffed in recent weeks when they inquired about the papers' sale. **METRO/AW**

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Household debt up for first time in four years

Families took on more debt in late 2011 for the first time in three and a half years but a rise in after-tax incomes left consumers in better shape to spend.

Other data on Thursday showed the number of Americans filing for jobless benefits rose last week, but not enough to change perceptions the labor market was strengthening.

The economy is still limping back from a financial crisis that wreaked havoc on household finances and put millions of people out of work.

However, rising incomes eased the pinch in the fourth quarter. The ratio of household liabilities to after-tax income fell to 117.5 percent, its lowest level since 2004.

Economists are unsure how much more that debt burden must decline for consumers to feel normal again.

"Any little inroads we make bring us that much closer to getting back to a normal rate of consumer spending," said economist Ellen Zentner. **REUTERS**

Jobless claims up slightly, not enough to harm recovery

An unexpected rise in new U.S. weekly jobless claims, reported Thursday morning, was not enough to change perceptions the labor market was strengthening — a major catalyst in the current stocks rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 66.90 points, or 0.52 percent, at 12,904.23. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index added 11.97 points, or 0.88 percent, at 1,364.60. **REUTERS**

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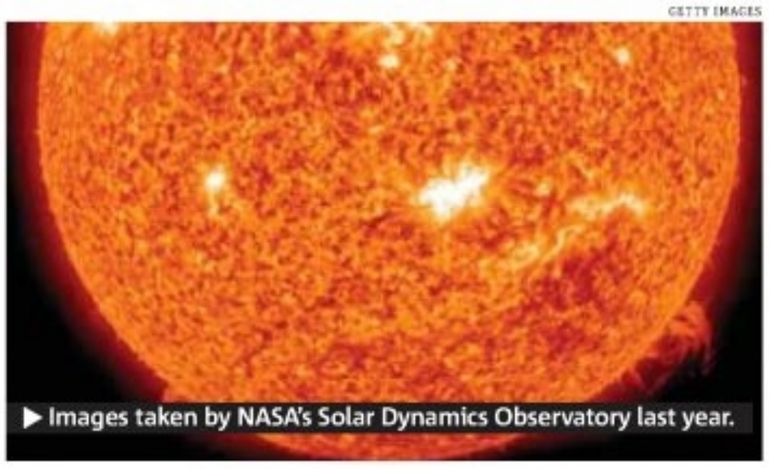

▶ Images taken by NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory last year.

Solar storm hits Earth, but not much damage

A solar storm that shook the Earth's magnetic field Thursday spared satellite and power systems as it delivered a glancing blow, although it could still intensify until early Friday, U.S. space weather experts said.

The geomagnetic storm surging from the sun was initially expected to be strong enough to disrupt power grids, airplane traffic and space-based satellite navigation systems.

But U.S. government scientists on Thursday downgraded their prediction on the intensity of the storm — a big cloud of charged particles spawned by two solar flares. The part of the sun that spawned the flares has been pretty quiet in the last 24 hours. **REUTERS**

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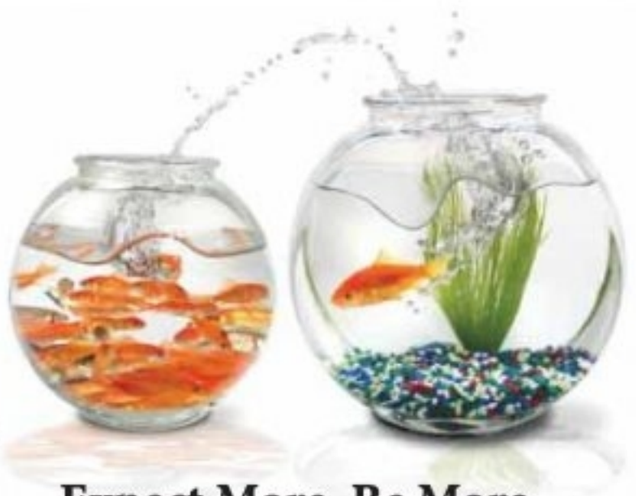

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Patriots and other dangerous groups

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Fresh on the heels of the "Stop Limbaugh" campaign — backlash to the talk-show host's use of mysogynistic rhetoric in the national debate on women's health care — comes a report released Thursday by watchdog group Southern Poverty Law Center alleging an explosion of radical right hate groups since the election of President Barack Obama.

According to the SPLC, the growth in extremist organizations — specifically those of the so-called Patriot movement, which perceive the federal government as the most existential of enemies — can be attributed to the convergence of a pair of important national events: Economic dislocation following the 2008 financial collapse and the evolution of racial politics as the country, in that same year, elected its first black president and as minorities see their share of the U.S. population rise.

The Patriot movement, SPLC explains, had been on the decline in the years between 1996 and 2008.

"There's a lot of populist rage out there," says Mark Potok, a senior fellow with the SPLC. "Demonizing propaganda and conspiracy theories have been pushed into the political mainstream, often by politicians or other well known public figures."

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▶ Limbaugh's incendiary views are nothing new. But are more people noticing?

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Each of the three leading Republican presidential contenders has made public comments framing Obama as some sort of "other" figure out to destroy America. Newt Gingrich lambasts the president's "Kenyan, anti-Colonial mind-set." There's Rick Santorum's recent comment on Obama's "phony theology." And Romney thinks the historic executive simply "doesn't understand America."

It's no surprise that quotes like these would incite fear and detachment in the electorate. Look forward to even more of the same as Republicans pivot from attacking each other to taking down the president.

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755%

Percent increase, according to SPLC, in number of U.S. Patriot groups — those that see the federal government as their foremost enemy — since 2008, the same year that brought us both the financial collapse and the election of President Barack Obama.

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Dissenting opinion

"Opposition to the government is as American as apple pie. ... The reason we list [hate groups] ... is that they are eaten up with conspiracy theories that are absolutely false and in some cases propel people to go out and blow up buildings and kill people."

MARK POTOK, EXPLAINING WHY HIS ORGANIZATION FOLLOWS THE RISING TREND OF EXTREMIST GROUPS. "RELATIVE TO THE SIZE OF THE GROUPS, THE PATRIOT MOVEMENT HAS PRODUCED A HUGE AMOUNT OF ATTEMPTED DOMESTIC TERRORISM AND OTHER VIOLENCE," HE ADDED.

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Publishers, Apple face action over e-book prices

The U.S. Justice Department told Apple Inc. and five publishers that it's preparing to sue them for allegedly fixing the prices of electronic books, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Some of the companies are in talks with the Justice Department to reach a settlement to avoid a court battle, according to the person, who wasn't authorized to speak about the discussions publicly and declined to be identified.

The Justice Department is looking into how Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple changed the way publishers charged for e-books in early 2010 when it was getting ready to introduce its first iPad, the person said. European antitrust regulators also have said they're probing whether Apple's pricing deals with publishers restrict competition.

Sharis Pozen, the acting chief of the antitrust division of the Justice Department, told Congress in December the division was probing the possibility of anticompetitive practices in the e-book industry. **BLOOMBERG**

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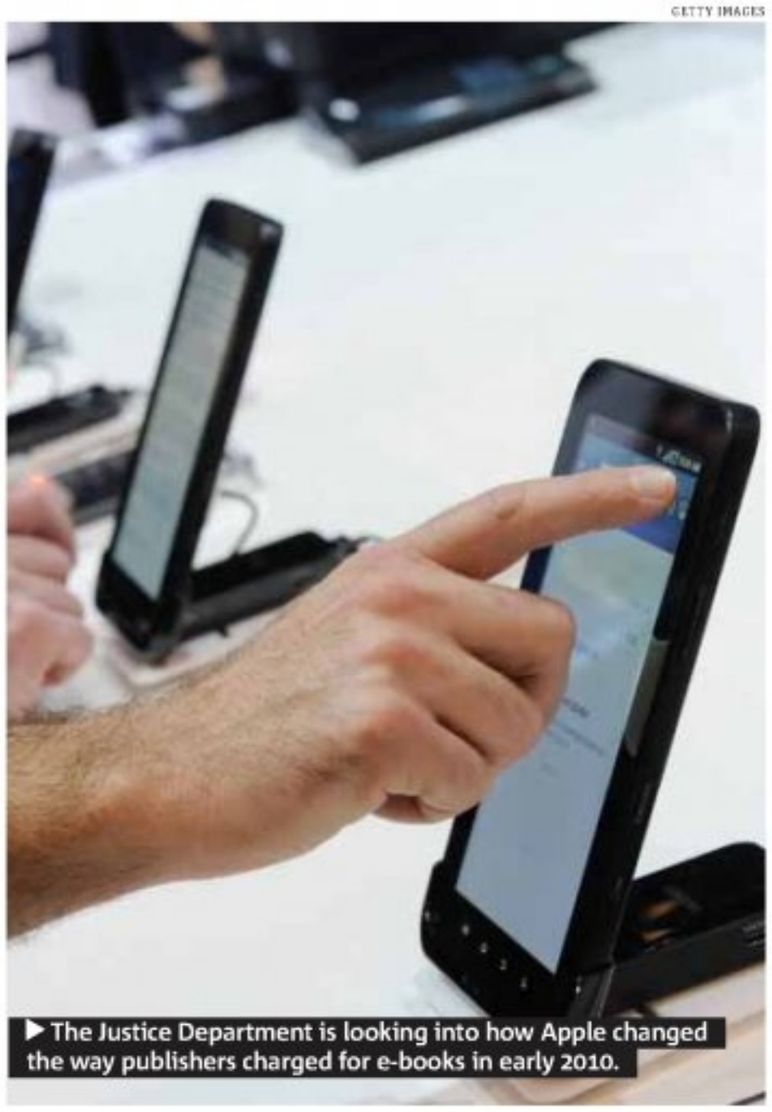

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System can be tricked into accepting donor organs

Scientists have found a way to trick the immune system into accepting organs from a mismatched, unrelated organ donor, a finding that could help patients avoid a lifetime of drugs to prevent rejection of the donated organ.

Of eight kidney transplant patients who have been treated with this new approach, five have managed to avoid taking anti-rejection drugs a year after their surgery, according to the study published Wednesday in Science Translational Medicine.

Some experts say the procedure, in which patients undergo a bone marrow transplant from an unmatched organ donor, is too risky. **REUTERS**

Fender guitars plan IPO

Fender Musical Instruments Corp., whose guitars have been used by music legends Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Mark Knopfler and Pink Floyd's David Gilmour, filed with U.S. regulators on Thursday to raise up to $200 million in an initial public offering.

Formed in the 1940s by Leo Fender, Fender was the first to mass-produce solid-body Spanish-style electric guitars, including the iconic Stratocaster.

It was sold to television network CBS in 1965. When CBS started selling off its non-media businesses, then Fender Chief Executive William Schultz teamed up with some of the company's international distributors and bought out Fender in 1984.

Schultz and his family trust still own about 6 percent of Fender. **REUTERS**

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WEEKEND

New moves for 'Messiah'

Spring arts guide

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▶ The Pennsylvania Ballet presents "Messiah" through March 17 at the Academy of Music. For tickets, visit www.paballet.org.

A Christmas ballet miracle allowed Robert Weiss to choreograph Handel's 'Messiah'

Choreographer Robert Weiss' long-gestating desire to set a dance to Handel's "Messiah" was perennially blocked by a problem endemic to the piece and to his medium: "Messiah" has become associated with Christmas — and for a ballet company, Christmas means "The Nutcracker."

So it was something of a Christmas gift when Weiss arrived at the Carolina Ballet, where he remains as artistic director today, in 1997 to find the rights to "The Nutcracker" tied up in legal limbo.

"When I first proposed the idea of choreographing it," Weiss says, "I met with very big resistance from a lot of people because the piece is so famous, and it stood on its own as an oratorio for hundreds of years." His take premiered in 1998, however, and has become a favorite of the Raleigh-based company — though it moved back to Easter (the holiday for which it was originally composed, back in 1741) once issues with "The Nutcracker" were ironed out.

"I practically couldn't stay in my seat. It has so many wonderful, melancholy passages and joyous passages that, I always felt, cried out to be danced."

This month's Pennsylvania Ballet performances of the piece will be a homecoming for Weiss, who served as the company's artistic director from 1982-1990.

"When I was 10 years old, some friends of my parents took me to a church at Christmas time to hear 'The Messiah' in New York," Weiss recalls. "I practically couldn't stay in my seat. It has so many wonderful, melancholy passages and joyous passages that, I always felt, cried out to be danced."

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LOIS GREENFIELD

▶ Leah Stein Dance Co. has been making moves for 10 years.

Leah Stein: Reflections on a decade

When Philly-based choreographer Leah Stein began her company 10 years ago, she knew she didn't want to spend the next decade in a stuffy theater — or any theater, for that matter.

"I was really starting my investigation on site and what it meant to be in different locations, from Longwood Gardens to an empty city parking lot," says Stein, who has become known for her site-specific pieces. "I feel like my own creative process is catalyzed most when I'm considering the physical surroundings as much as the movements. I'm visual, I'm kinetic, I'm oratory — I really take in the whole space as an artist."

This weekend, an anniversary program will look back on Leah Stein Dance Co.'s work with six dances that highlight not only the company's unusual stages but their many cross-genre collaborations, as well. Included in the program is "Hull," Stein's 2011 collaboration with boat builder Carolyn Hesse, and "A Lily Lilies," a quintet exploring language and dance created with poet Josey Foo.

As for the next 10 years, Stein hopes to further examine where poetry, chorus and text meet movement. Of course, she doesn't intend to do so indoors. "I love not having a ceiling and letting the landscape be a layer," she says. MONICA WEYMOUTH

If you go

Leah Stein Dance Co.'s 10th Anniversary
Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.
$20-$25
Performance Garage
1515 Brandywine St.
www.philadanceprojects.org

Insider pick

Dance, if you want to

What's fresh on the dance scene in Philly this spring? We asked Leah Stein for insight:

"Really looking forward to this spring's SCUBA national touring project that features local and national choreographers in a performance exchange. This season is Gabrielle Revlock from Philly — love her! — and Holly Johnston from San Fransisco presented by Philadelphia Dance Projects at Temple University's Conwell Theater. Fresh, smart voices on the contemporary dance scene!"

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5 Shows budding on Philly's stages

From ageless classic characters to American comic tragedies to award-winning local playwrights, Philly's theaters are truly in bloom

'Curse of the Starving Class'
Through April 8
The Wilma Theater
265 S. Broad St.
www.wilmatheater.org
Sam Shepard's 1978 comic tragedy focuses on a family frantically trying to save their California farm from debt collectors.

'Cyrano'
Through April 15
Arden Theatre Company
40 N. Second St.
www.ardentheatre.org
Arden Theatre Company co-founder Aaron Posner returns to Philadelphia to direct a brand new "Cyrano" adaptation by long-time Arden favorite Michael Hollinger. Edmond Rostand's 1897 classic created a timeless character: A poet with a colossal nose who falls desperately in love with his cousin.

On the stage

'The Golem'

March 28-April 15
Egopo Classic Theater
Prince Music Theatre Cabaret
1412 Chestnut St.
www.egopo.org
Continuing their season of classic Jewish theater, Egopo's stable of performers will collaboratively write this piece. "The Golem" promises a myriad of Jewish folk tales and plenty of live, vibrant music.

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▶ Griffin Stanton-Ameisen stars in "The Golem."

'The Outgoing Tide'
March 23-April 22
Philadelphia Theatre Company
480 S. Broad St.
www.philadelphiatheatre company.org
Local playwright Bruce Graham found national success with "Tide." Last year's Chicago production starred John Mahoney and won Graham Chi-town's highest honor for a new play: the Joseph Jefferson Award. The play features a retired teamster struggling with Alzheimer's and attempting to mend old family wounds.

'Slip/Shot'
April 11-May 5
Flashpoint Theatre Company
2030 Sansom St.
www.flashpointtheatre.org
Last year, Philly playwright Jacqueline Pardue Goldfinger penned a local comic hit, "The Terrible Girls." Ever prolific, her latest centers on the legacy of racial violence in a small Florida town.

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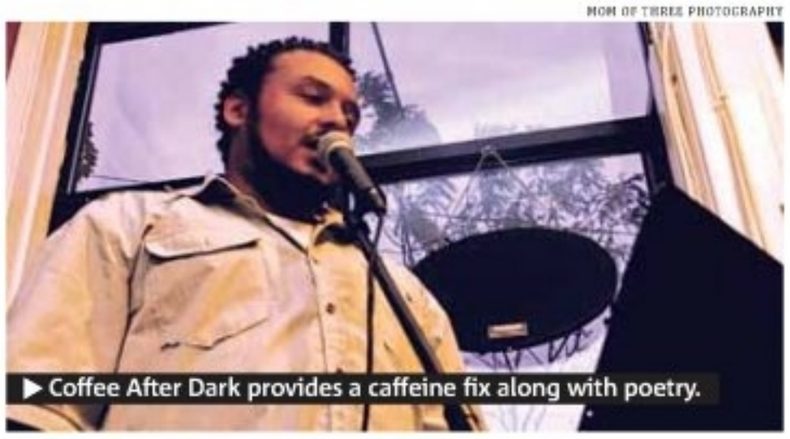

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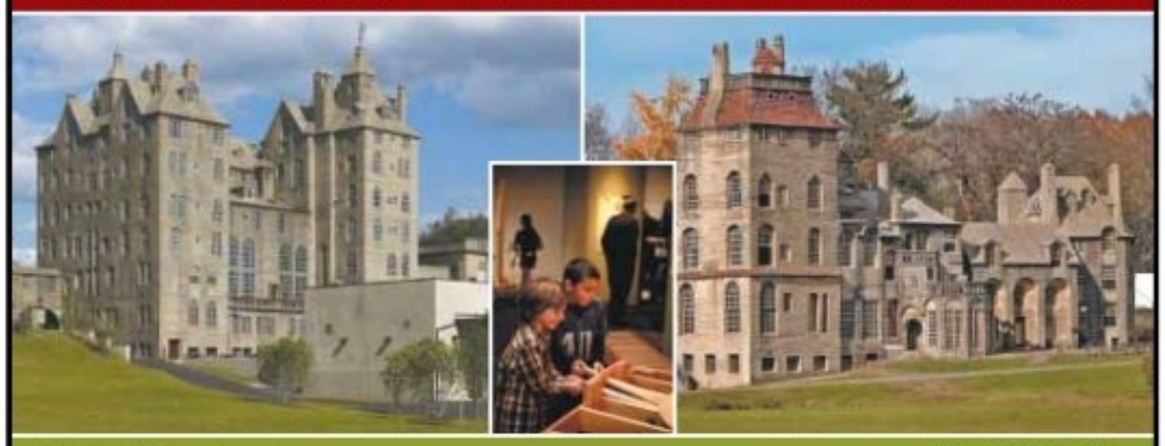

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Woman with Red Hair and Green Bag (detail), Madrid, 2009, Zoe Strauss

April happenings

On the anniversary

On April 15, the Rosenbach, along with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, will host an anniversary reading of Titanic survivor accounts. That we're still fascinated by the tragedy 100 years later doesn't come as a surprise to Fuller. "Any story that touches such deep issues of life and death and tragedy and heroism, of what might have been, will capture people's attention and imagination," she says.

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We'll still never let go

Rosenbach exhibit examines the Titanic's connection to Philly

April 15 marks 100 years since the sinking of the Titanic, so you can bet on everything from restaurants to Hollywood to free newspapers cashing in on a little nostalgia. But the Rosenbach Museum & Library has an actual connection to the doomed passenger liner: Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach got his big break as a rare books dealer when Harry Elkins Widener — a 27-year-old Philadelphian and book collector — was among the 1,517 who never made it ashore. As a trusted family friend, Rosenbach was called in to finish a collection that Widener had begun for Harvard University.

Now on view, "Titanic: Rise of Rosenbach" chronicles Rosenbach's work with the Widener collection through items from the archive and correspondences, including a brief telegram from London announcing Widener's passing.

According to legends circulating in the rare books world, Widener made an ominous prediction about the Titanic shortly before boarding. After purchasing his last book, a particularly elusive copy of essays by Francis Bacon published in 1598, he told the dealer, according to exhibit co-curator and Rosenbach librarian Elizabeth E. Fuller, "I've put Bacon in my pocket — if I'm shipwrecked, it will go down with me."

While a good anecdote, it's not quite as sensational as the one that would later be recounted, where he declared his allegiance to the book on the decks as the ship was going under.

Rosenbach told both versions, although Fuller tends to believe the first account. "He was a great storyteller," she says, "but we like to tell true stories when we can."

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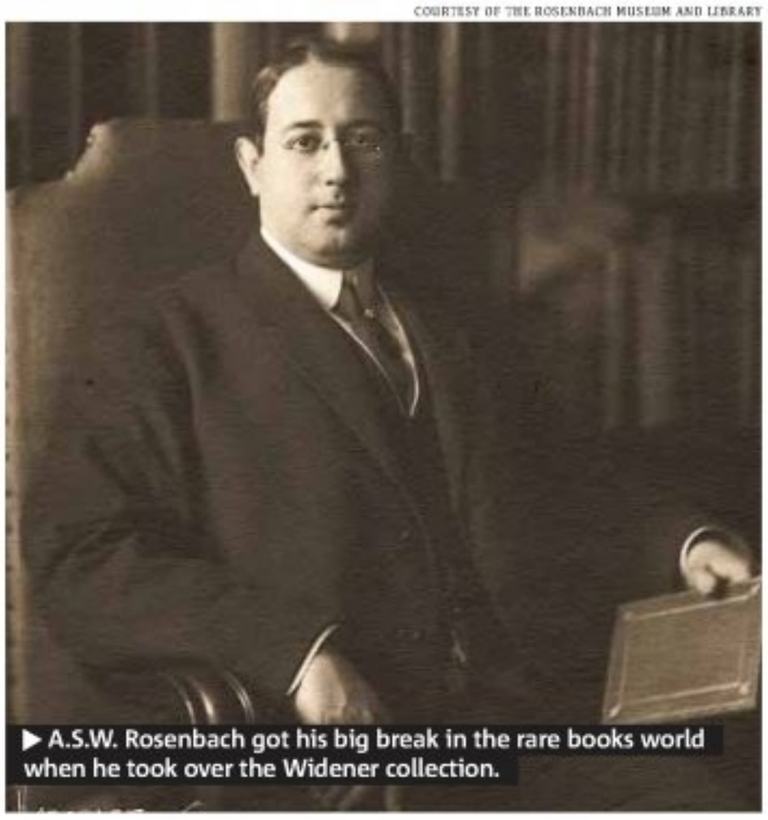

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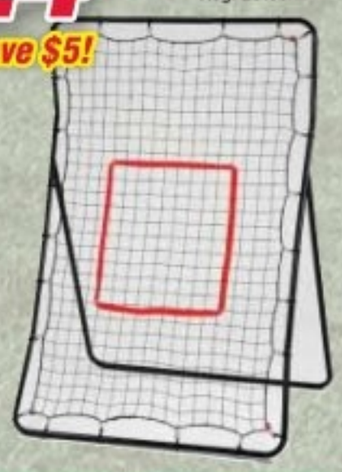

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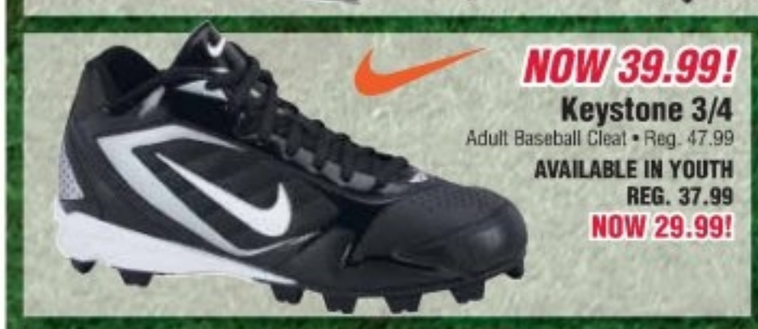

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The event is the brainchild of Jeri Lynne Johnson, the founder and conductor of the Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra. Since 2007, Black Pearl has sought to create a Philadelphia-based ensemble that mirrors the ethnic and cultural diversity of the city in which they perform.

"If you attend classical music, you know you only see, basically, one type of person," explains Black Pearl's executive director, Julia Rubio. "But that's not the only type of person that can enjoy the music. That's silly. It means, as a community, we're not connecting."

The three-person staff of Black Pearl is proud to declare that their audiences are roughly 60 percent African-American and Latino, representing a true cross-section of the city.

Along with the Mozart performance, this weekend Black Pearl will present a rare performance of a work by Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-George (sometimes referred to as "The Black Mozart"), a French composer with African ancestry, much heralded in 18th-century Paris.

"We're working toward a day when someone can go into the Kimmel Center or Carnegie Hall and step into an audience that is truly diverse," says Rubio. "Orchestras aren't just about putting on concerts. It's about being a resource for everyone in the community, not just people with a certain socioeconomic background."

▶ Black Pearl conductor Jeri Lynne Johnson

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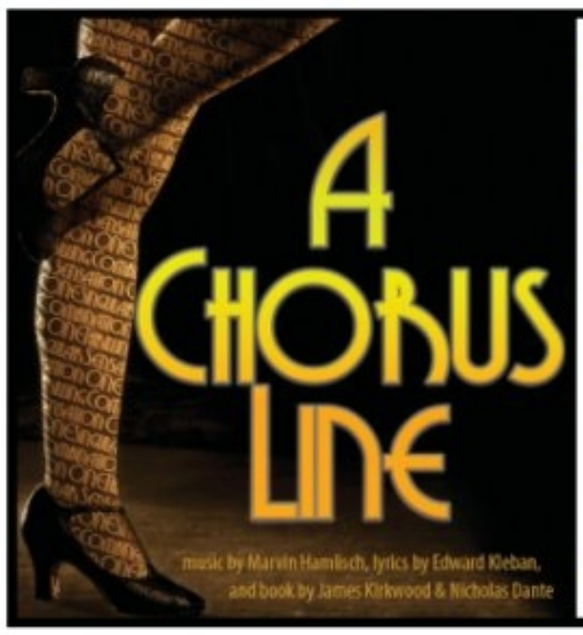

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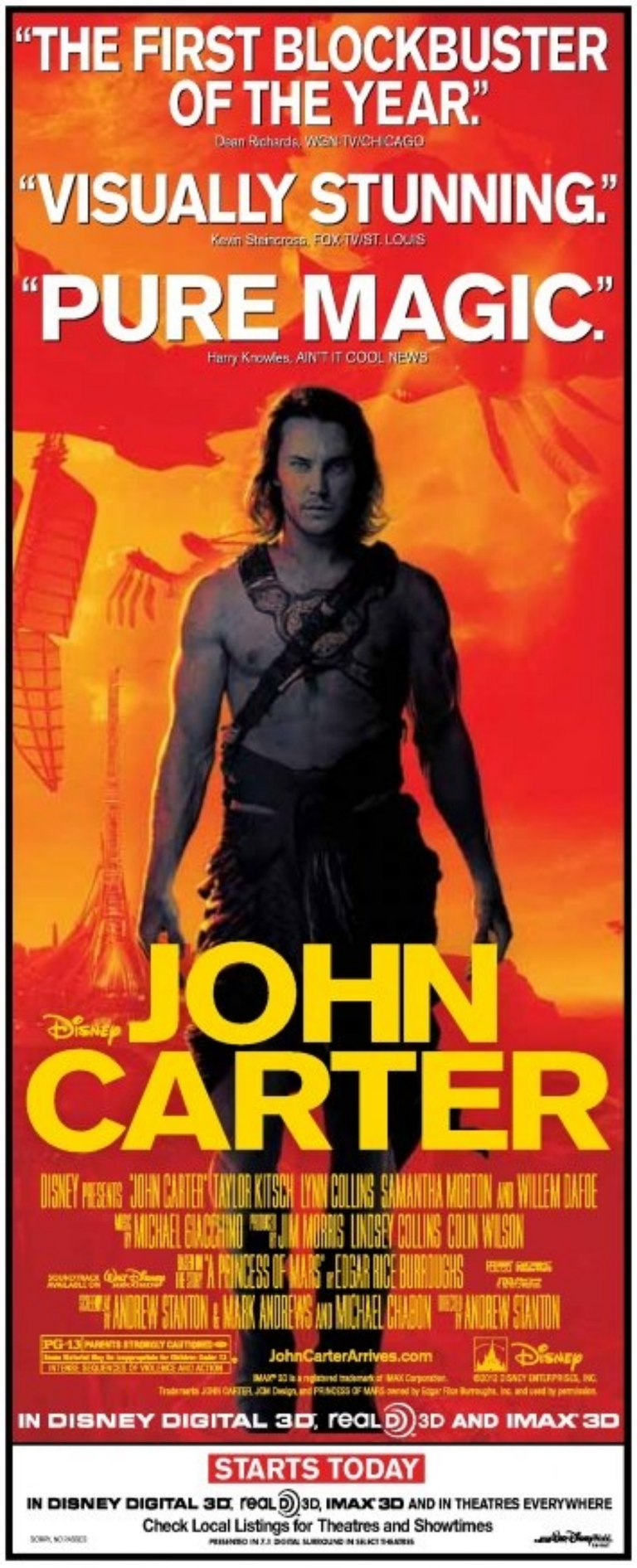
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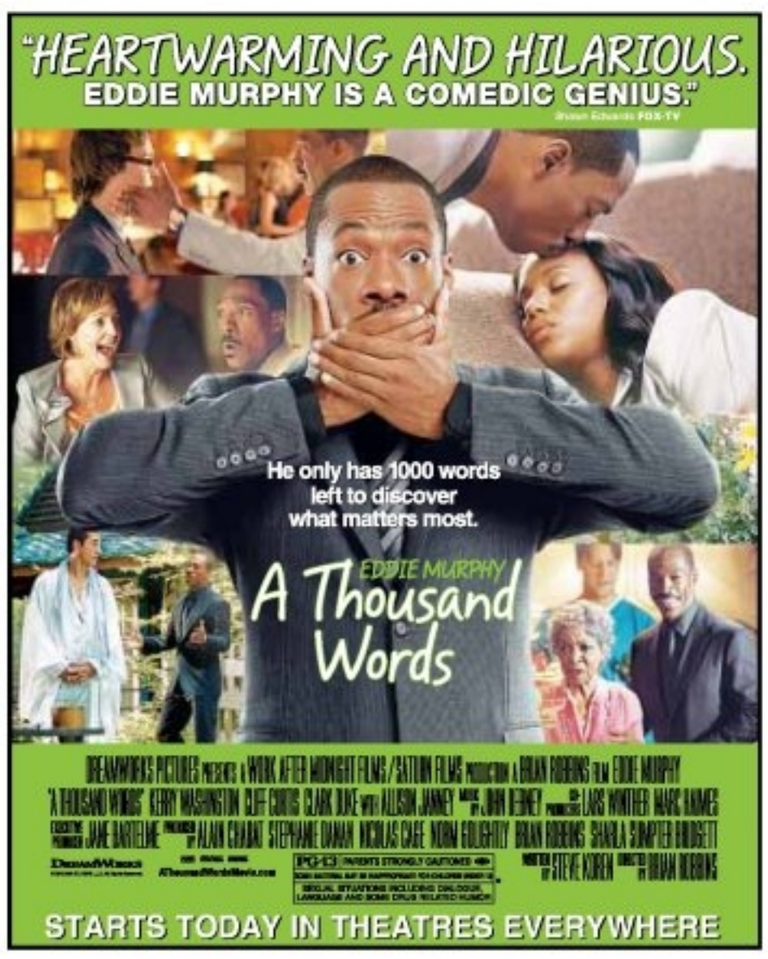
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DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) Fri 10:10, 11:30, 12:20, 1:55, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:10, 7:45, 9:40, 10:15, 12:10. RealD 3D; Sat 11:30-12:20-1:55-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:10-7:45-9:40-10:15-12:10. RealD 3D; Sun 11:30-12:20-1:55-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:10-7:45-9:40-10:15. RealD 3D
GHOST RIDER 3D: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:25, 3:30, 8:55. RealD 3D; Sun 3:30-9:05. RealD 3D
GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:55, 6:05, 11:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 12:55-6:20. Digital Presentation
GONE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:10, 11:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:10. Digital Presentation
HUGO 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 1:30, 6:25, 12:05. RealD 3D; Sun 1:30-6:25. RealD 3D
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:00, 2:15, 5:30, 8:45, 11:50. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-2:15-5:30-8:45. Digital Presentation
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:50. RealD 3D
JOHN CARTER: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:55, 1:00, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45. IMAX 3D; Sun 1:00-4:15-7:30-10:30. IMAX 3D
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 11:40, 4:55, 9:55. Digital Presentation
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 2:10, 7:25, 12:20. RealD 3D; Sun 2:10-7:25. RealD 3D
PROJECT X (R) Fri and Sat 10:15, 11:10, 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:20, 5:40, 6:45, 8:00, 9:15, 10:20, 11:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:10-12:30-1:45-3:00-4:20-5:40-6:45-8:00-9:15-10:20. Digital Presentation
SAFE HOUSE (R) 11:25, 2:10, 4:50, 7:55, 10:30. Digital Presentation
THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY (KARI-GURASHI NO ARIETTI) (G) Fri and Sat 10:10. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:05. Digital Presentation
SILENT HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat 9:55, 12:05, 2:20, 5:00, 7:15, 10:00, 12:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:45-2:20-5:00-7:15-10:00. Digital Presentation
STAR WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE 3D (PG) 12:00, 3:10, 6:35, 10:05. RealD 3D
THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:35, 1:25, 4:00, 6:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:55-1:25-4:00-6:40. Digital Presentation
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:05, 11:15, 12:45, 2:05, 3:05, 4:40, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:55, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:15-12:45-2:05-3:05-4:40-5:45-7:00-8:15-9:30-10:30. Digital Presentation
TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:45, 12:50, 2:30, 4:00, 5:20, 6:50, 8:30, 9:45, 11:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:45-1:20-2:30-4:00-5:20-6:50-8:30-9:45. Digital Presentation
VIRAL FACTOR (NR) Fri and Sat 10:20, 1:05, 4:10, 7:20, 10:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:55-1:50-4:50-7:45-10:35. Digital Presentation
THE VOW (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:50, 2:25, 5:10, 8:10, 10:50. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:50-2:25-5:10-8:05-10:35. Digital Presentation
WANDERLUST (R) Fri and Sat 10:55, 1:40, 4:25, 6:55, 9:35, 12:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:20-1:40-4:25-6:55-9:35. Digital Presentation

AMC Neshaminy 24
215-396-8050
Route 1 and Bristol Rd.
ACT OF VALOR (R) Fri and Sat 10:40, 1:35, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:40-1:35-4:25-7:25-10:10. Digital Presentation
THE ARTIST (PG-13) 11:00, 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
CHRONICLE (PG-13) 10:00, 3:05, 8:10. Digital Presentation
THE DESCENDANTS (R) Fri and Sat 10:25, 4:30, 10:20.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:25-4:30-10:15.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) Fri 9:50, 12:25, 3:15, 6:00, 8:45, 11:20. Digital Presentation; Sat 12:25-3:15-6:00-8:45-11:20. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:00. Digital Presentation;SFF-Sensory Friendly Film; Sun 9:50-12:25-3:15-6:00-8:45. Digital Presentation
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:25, 4:10, 5:05, 7:00, 7:55, 9:45, 10:35, 12:25. RealD 3D; Sun 10:45-11:45-1:30-2:25-4:10-5:05-7:00-7:55-9:45-10:20. RealD 3D
FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) Fri and Sat 10:20, 1:05, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30, 12:20.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation; Sun 10:20-1:05-3:45-6:40-9:30.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
GHOST RIDER 3D: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:20, 5:35, 10:55. RealD 3D; Sun 12:20-5:35-10:35. RealD 3D
GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13) 9:35, 2:55, 8:20. Digital Presentation
GONE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 7:40, 10:10, 12:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 7:40-10:05. Digital Presentation
HUGO 3D (PG) 1:25, 7:20. RealD 3D
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:30, 2:50, 6:05, 9:15, 12:35. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:30-2:50-6:05-9:15. Digital Presentation
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:30, 1:45, 5:00, 8:15, 11:45. RealD 3D; Sun 10:30-1:45-5:00-8:15. RealD 3D
JOHN CARTER: AN IMAX 3D EXPERIENCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:30, 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:45. IMAX 3D; Sun 9:30-12:45-4:00-7:15-10:30. IMAX 3D
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 9:50, 3:20, 8:55. Digital Presentation
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 12:40, 6:10, 11:35. RealD 3D; Sun 12:40-6:10. RealD 3D
PROJECT X (R) Fri and Sat 10:15, 12:05, 12:50, 2:40, 3:40, 5:10, 6:25, 8:00, 9:05, 10:40, 12:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:15-12:05-12:50-2:40-3:40-5:10-6:25-8:00-9:05-10:25. Digital Presentation
SAFE HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat 11:25, 2:20, 5:30, 8:40, 11:50. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:25-2:20-5:30-8:40. Digital Presentation
THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY (KARI-GURASHI NO ARIETTI) (G) 11:00, 1:40, 4:15. Digital Presentation
SILENT HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat 9:40, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:40-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-9:55. Digital Presentation
STAR WARS: EPISODE I - THE PHANTOM MENACE 3D (PG) 9:55, 1:10, 4:20. RealD 3D
THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:25, 1:20, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20, 12:05. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:25-1:20-4:05-6:45-9:20. Digital Presentation
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 9:45, 10:55, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15, 11:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 9:45-10:55-12:15-1:30-2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30-7:45-9:00-10:10. Digital Presentation
TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 10:10, 1:00, 3:50, 6:35, 9:25, 12:10. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-1:00-3:50-6:35-9:25. Digital Presentation
THE VOW (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:35, 10:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:20-2:10-4:55-7:35-10:15. Digital Presentation
WANDERLUST (R) 12:30, 5:35, 10:30. Digital Presentation
THE WOMAN IN BLACK (PG-13) Fri and Sat 6:50, 9:40, 12:15. Digital Presentation; Sun 6:50-9:40. Digital Presentation

AMC Plymouth Meeting Mall 12
888-AMC-4FUN
Next to Plymouth Meeting Mall
ACT OF VALOR (R) Fri and Sat 11:45, 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 10:25. CC-Closed Captions; Fri and Sat 11:45-2:20-5:10-7:40-10:25.; Sun 11:45-2:20-4:50-7:25-9:55. CC-Closed Captions; Sun 11:45-2:20-4:50-7:25-9:55.
THE ARTIST (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40.C INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation
CHRONICLE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 11:20, 1:40, 3:50, 6:10, 8:15, 10:25. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:20-1:40-3:50-6:10-8:15. Digital Presentation
THE DESCENDANTS (R) Fri 10:55, 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00.C INDEPENDENT; Sat 10:50-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00.C INDEPENDENT; Sun 10:50-1:30-4:20-7:10-9:45.C INDEPENDENT
EXTREMELY LOUD & INCREDIBLY CLOSE (PG-13) Fri 3:35, 9:20; Sat and Sun 10:00-3:35-9:20.
FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50.C INDEPENDENT
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) Fri 11:50, 3:10, 6:30, 9:30; Sat and Sun 12:00-3:10-6:30-9:30.
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) Fri 1:00, 4:10, 7:30, 10:30. RealD 3D; Sat 10:05-1:00-4:10-7:30-10:30. RealD 3D; Sun 10:05-1:00-4:10-7:30. RealD 3D
RED TAILS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 7:15, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 5:00-8:00. Digital Presentation
THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY (KARI-GURASHI NO ARIETTI) (G) Fri 12:15, 2:30, 5:00. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:00-12:15-2:30-5:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:00-12:15-2:30. Digital Presentation
SILENT HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat 11:00, 1:15, 3:30, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30. Digital Presentation; Sun 11:00-1:15-3:30-5:40-7:50-10:00. Digital Presentation
TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY (R) 12:45, 6:25.C INDEPENDENT
THE VOW (PG-13) 11:10, 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
WANDERLUST (R) Fri 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:10-12:30-3:00-5:20-7:50-10:20. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-12:30-3:00-5:20-7:40-9:55. Digital Presentation

AMC Woodhaven 10
888-AMC-4FUN
Route 13, near I-95 and Woodhaven Road exit
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) Fri 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00. RealD 3D; Sat 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00-11:00. RealD 3D; Sun 11:00-2:00-5:00-8:00. RealD 3D
SILENT HOUSE (R) Fri 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:50-1:00-3:15-5:30-7:50-10:00. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:50-1:00-3:15-5:30-7:50. Digital Presentation
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) Fri 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40. Digital Presentation; Sat 10:10-12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40. Digital Presentation; Sun 10:10-12:40-3:10-5:40-8:10. Digital Presentation

Bryn Mawr Film Institute
610-527-9898
824 West Lancaster Avenue
THE ARTIST (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sun 4:00-7:00.
BOLSHOI BALLET: LE CORSAIRE LIVE (NR) Sun 11:00
LOONEY TUNES SHORTS (NR) Sat 11:00
PATER (NR) Sat 11:00
A SEPARATION (JODAEIYE NADER AZ SIMIN) (PG-13) Fri and Sat 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sun 1:30-4:00-7:00.

Clearview's Anthony Wayne
610-225-0980
109 West Lancaster Avenue
ACT OF VALOR (R) Fri 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:00.; Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30.
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) Fri 2:45, 4:45, 6:50, 9:00; Sat 12:40-2:45-4:45-6:50-9:00.; Sun 12:40-2:45-4:45-6:50.
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) Fri 3:50, 7:20, 9:30; Sat 1:20-3:50-7:20-9:30.; Sun 1:20-3:50-7:20.
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 9:50; Sat 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:50.; Sun 1:00-4:00-7:00.
THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) Fri 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:40.; Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10.

Clearview's Bala Theatre
610-668-4695
157 Bala Avenue
THE ARTIST (PG-13) Fri 4:00, 7:00, 9:25; Sat 1:00-4:00-7:00-9:25.; Sun 1:00-4:00-7:00.
THE IRON LADY (PG-13) Fri 3:45, 6:45, 9:20; Sat 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:20.; Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45.
THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY (KARI-GURASHI NO ARIETTI) (G) Fri 4:15, 7:15, 9:30. Digital Projection; Sat 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:30. Digital Projection; Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15. Digital Projection

Hiway Theatre
215-886-9800
212 Old York Road
A SEPARATION (JODAEIYE NADER AZ SIMIN) (PG-13) Fri 4:15, 7:00, 9:40. English Subtitles; Sat 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:40. English Subtitles; Sun 1:30-4:15-7:00. English Subtitles

Narberth Stadium 2
610-667-0115
129 North Narberth Avenue
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) Fri 4:20, 7:10, 9:50; Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-9:50.; Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10.
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) Fri 4:05, 7:00, 9:55; Sat 1:15-4:05-7:00-9:55.; Sun 1:15-4:05-7:00.

Regal Marketplace 24
800-326-3264 341
180 Mill Road
ACT OF VALOR (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05
THE ARTIST (PG-13) 1:20, 3:50, 6:25, 9:00
CHRONICLE (PG-13) 4:20, 9:15
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) 12:45, 1:25, 1:55, 3:00, 4:00, 5:30, 6:15, 6:45, 7:55, 8:30, 10:10, 10:45
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) 12:10, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30. RealD 3D
FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) 1:35, 4:15, 6:50, 9:25
GHOST RIDER 3D: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13) 6:40, 9:20. RealD 3D
GONE (PG-13) 4:10, 9:10
HUGO 3D (PG) 12:40, 3:40. RealD 3D
THE IRON LADY (PG-13) 1:40, 6:35
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 1:10, 4:25, 7:40, 10:50
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) 11:55, 12:30, 3:15, 3:45, 6:30, 7:00, 9:45, 10:20. RealD 3D
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 12:15, 5:20, 7:45
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND 3D (PG) 2:45, 10:15. RealD 3D
KAHAANI (NR) 12:00, 2:55, 6:10, 9:05
PROJECT X (R) 12:20, 12:50, 2:40, 3:30, 5:00, 5:45, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:35. Digital Projection
SAFE HOUSE (R) 2:05, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25
THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY (KARI-GURASHI NO ARIETTI) (G) 2:10, 4:40
SILENT HOUSE (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30
THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) 12:25, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:40
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS (PG-13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40
THE VOW (PG-13) 1:05, 3:50, 6:25, 8:55
WANDERLUST (R) 2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
THE WOMAN IN BLACK (PG-13) 7:10, 9:55

Regal Plymouth Meeting 10
800-326-3264 335
1011 W Ridge Pike
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) 1:10, 1:50, 3:40, 4:20, 6:30, 7:00, 9:00, 9:30
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00. RealD 3D
GONE (PG-13) 9:40
HUGO 3D (PG) 1:00, 3:50, 6:50. RealD 3D
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND (PG) 1:30
JOURNEY 2: THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND 3D (PG) 4:10, 7:10, 9:40. RealD 3D
PROJECT X (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
SAFE HOUSE (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
THIS MEANS WAR (PG-13) 1:20, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

Ritz 5 Movies
215-925-7900
214 Walnut Street
THE ARTIST (PG-13) Fri 12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:00; Sat and Sun 12:30-3:00-5:20-7:50-10:00.
FRIENDS WITH KIDS (R) Fri 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 9:55; Sat and Sun 12:15-2:40-5:05-7:35-9:55.
IN DARKNESS (R) Fri 1:00, 5:00, 8:15; Sat and Sun 1:00-5:00-8:15.
THE IRON LADY (PG-13) Fri 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; Sat and Sun 12:10-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:50.
A SEPARATION (JODAEIYE NADER AZ SIMIN) (PG-13) Fri 12:45, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sat and Sun 12:45-4:00-7:00-9:40.

Ritz East
215-925-7900
2nd Street between Walnut and Chestnut
THE DESCENDANTS (R) 4:15, 9:45
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN (PG-13) Fri 1:00, 3:45, 7:15, 9:50; Sat and Sun 1:00-3:45-7:15-9:50.
TINKER TAILOR SOLDIER SPY (R) 1:30, 7:00

Ritz at the Bourse
215-925-7900
400 Ranstead Street
CORIOLANUS (R) Fri 1:00, 3:50, 7:00, 9:35; Sat and Sun 1:00-3:50-7:00-9:35.
THE FORGIVENESS OF BLOOD (NR) Fri 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45; Sat and Sun 1:30-4:15-7:20-9:45.
LAST DAYS HERE (NR) Fri 1:10, 3:40, 7:15, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:10-3:40-7:15-9:40.
TIM AND ERIC'S BILLION DOLLAR MOVIE (R) 4:30, 9:50
UNDEFEATED (PG-13) 1:20, 7:05
WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN (R) Fri 1:15, 4:00, 7:10, 9:40; Sat and Sun 1:15-4:00-7:10-9:40.

Roxy Theatre Philadelphia
215-923-6699
2023 Sansom Street
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) Fri 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50; Sat 11:30-2:00-4:45-7:20-9:50.; Sun 11:30-2:00-4:45-7:20.
PROJECT X (R) Fri 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; Sat 11:30-1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30-9:30.; Sun 11:30-1:30-3:30-5:30-7:30.

The Pearl Theatre at Avenue North
215-763-7700
1600 North Broad Street
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) 2:20, 9:00
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) Fri and Sat 12:10, 4:30, 6:40, 11:10; Sun 12:10-4:30-6:40.
GHOST RIDER 3D: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13) Fri and Sat 2:40, 7:20, 12:30; Sun 2:40-7:20.
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 3:40
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:40, 7:00, 9:50, 12:30; Sun 12:40-7:00-9:50.
PROJECT X (R) Fri and Sat 12:50, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30; Sun 12:50-3:30-5:30-7:40-10:10.
SAFE HOUSE (R) 12:20, 4:40, 10:00
SILENT HOUSE (R) Fri and Sat 1:10, 3:10, 5:20, 7:50, 10:00, 12:20; Sun 1:10-3:10-5:20-7:50-10:00.
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:30, 2:50, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40, 12:00; Sun 12:30-2:50-4:50-7:20-9:40.
TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS (PG-13) Fri and Sat 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:30; Sun 12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00.

Tuttleman IMAX Theater - Franklin Institute
215-448-1111
20th & Benjamin Franklin Parkway
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800-326-3264 651
1619 Grant Avenue - Grant Plaza 2 Shopping Center
ACT OF VALOR (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX (PG) 1:10, 3:40, 6:50, 9:10
DR. SEUSS' THE LORAX 3D (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50. RealD 3D
JOHN CARTER (PG-13) 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
JOHN CARTER IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3D (PG-13) 12:50. RealD 3D
PROJECT X (R) 2:10, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40
SAFE HOUSE (R) 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30
SILENT HOUSE (R) 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:10
A THOUSAND WORDS (PG-13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S GOOD DEEDS (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15

UA King of Prussia Stadium 16
800-326-3264 644
Located on Mall Boulevard across from The Plaza King of Prussia
ACT OF VALOR (R) Fri 2:20, 5:10, 7:55, 10:35; Fri 11:35. OC-Open Caption; Sat 2:20. OC-Open Caption; Sat 11:35-5:10-7:55-10:35.; Sun 11:35-10:35. OC-Open Caption; Sun 2:20-5:10-7:55.
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He is John Carter

Actor Taylor Kitsch goes to Mars in the riskiest movie of the year
Why he wishes he could have discovered a pair of pants on Mars

Taylor Kitsch, until now best known for the TV series "Friday Night Lights," is well aware that a lot is riding on 2012 for him, careerwise. With lead roles in a pair of presumed blockbusters — this month's "John Carter" followed by "Battleship" in May — and Oliver Stone's "Savages" later this year, Kitsch is set to have his status in Hollywood solidified one way or the other. His biggest risk comes first. "John Carter," based on the stories of Edgar Rice Burroughs, follows a Civil War hero transported to Mars, where he leads a rebellion. It reportedly cost more than $200 million. No pressure, Taylor …

Your face basically is the marketing campaign for "John Carter."

Yeah, yeah. I mean, that is something you never, ever get used to. I think it really is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of year for me coming up with these three films. It's insane. I think it's also a cool moment just to have within yourself, like it's really come full circle for the most part through the struggle or whatever it was to get to this point.

Being the title character in a potential franchise, how is it to watch the marketing campaign at work and have no control over it?

I think you just nailed it, I don't have control over it. I mean, I'm so on the inside — obviously, being him — but there's things, yeah, that I would love to have seen different. There's also things that they've done that have opened my eyes to it in a different way. So, I mean, I really don't have power [over] it at the end of the day.

'X-Men' spin-off?

Taylor Kitsch made a leap into big-budget franchises by playing Gambit in 2009's "Wolverine." With Gambit being one of the most popular characters, there was naturally talk before the film's release of jumping into a Gambit spin-off film. After the release, not so much. So what happened? "I think it was just really s— in the sense of it being put out there before it was ready," Kitsch says. "I don't know if they ever came back from that kind of buzz."

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▶ Get to know Taylor Kitsch — you're about to see a lot of him.

The film has gotten bad publicity because of the poor marketing. If you were in charge of marketing the movie, what would you do?

You're going to kill me, man. [Laughs] Um, the actor in me would go a lot darker. The earlier stuff, I loved, and I would love to see a bit of that John Carter as well — the more dramatic stuff, the Civil War John Carter. You don't see literally any, really — him on a horse, maybe, or him waking up from Mars with the beard, maybe. I think maybe I'd put a bit more of that in there. It just grounds it more, you know what I mean? Rather than people trying to really decipher Mars and this and that and really break it down.

There's a lot of you on display in this film. Did you ever wish that he'd discover a shirt or a pair of pants somewhere on Mars?

I loved the Civil War Carter, put it that way. [Laughs] It's … exposed, to say the least.

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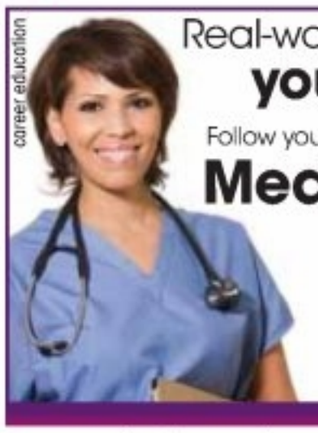

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Becoming Sarah Palin

Actress Julianne Moore steps into the hockey jersey of the 2008 vice presidential candidate in the HBO film 'Game Change' Why the former Alaska governor still fascinates and infuriates Americans

PHILLIP V. CARUSO

▶ "Game Change," starring Julianne Moore, premieres Saturday at 9 p.m. on HBO.

"Game Change," the best-selling account of the 2008 presidential election by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, only dedicates a portion of its chapters to John McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as his running mate. But that polarizing moment is the focus of the HBO film "Game Change," which stars Ed Harris as McCain, Woody Harrelson as his campaign strategist Steve Schmidt and Julianne Moore as their "star" — the then-relatively-unknown Palin. Moore captures the likeness of the former governor with uncanny precision — without devolving into a "Saturday Night Live" parody.

"It's a daunting task to play somebody who is not only a living figure, but a hugely well known one," Moore says. "So, for me, the most important thing was accuracy."

The actress put a "tremendous amount of research" into understanding America's most famous hockey mom, including, she says, reading "everything I could get my hands on." At the top of her list was Palin's memoir, "Going Rogue: An American Life," as well as "Blind Allegiance to Sarah Palin: A Memoir of Our Tumultuous Years" by Palin aide Frank Bailey — and, of course, "Game Change."

Moore also watched hours of footage on the campaign, and even had video on hand while filming scenes to nail the candidate's physicality. "We would have the computer there when I was doing the debates to watch things very precisely, like beat by beat, to get the gesture just right," she explains.

But the first thing the actress did was hire a vocal coach. "[Palin] has an incredibly idiosyncratic way of speaking," Moore says, "and I needed to capture that. We are all very familiar with her and with those sort of iconic moments. I mean, it was just four years ago."

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'Moments of real brilliance'

The unveiling of Sarah Palin as John McCain's running mate in the 2008 presidential election certainly was a "game changer."

"I think the whole country took a collective gasp, like, 'Who is she? Where is she from?'" Moore muses. "She was so incredibly charismatic, so unbelievably able to communicate, and a true populist."

But upon further inspection, Palin didn't have "the experience necessary to be able to lead our country as vice president or potentially president," Moore says. "So that's what we were attempting to dramatize [in the film]: her moments of real brilliance, of populism, of charisma — and her lack of experience."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in 140 characters or fewer.

Justin Bieber is easily distracted, Kelly Osbourne keeps saying things she doesn't mean, Lady Gaga won't change, Joel McHale is a concerned parent, Questlove needs a nap, Joan Rivers takes on Rush and Sarah Silverman is keeping it positive.

@justinbieber
what were we talking about again?

@MissKellyO
I hate tweeting from my phone the predictive texting drives me CRAZY!

@ladygaga
I told you MINT would be big in fashion this spring. Naturally, I will continue to wear black.

@JoelMcHale
How disturbed should I be that my 3 year old uses the word "assassin" in casual conversation?

@questlove
Acupuncturist didn't tell me she'd be puttin me to sleep like 5 hours later...cheeseus rice I'm tired!

@Joan_Rivers
Because he's been such an a—hole, Rush Limbaugh has actually picked up one new sponsor: Preparation H.

@SarahKSilverman
We never notice the flattering mirrors. Let's really try to notice the flattering mirrors

Joan Rivers

THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Star magazine flames rumors on Will Smith sexuality

Star magazine is throwing their tabloid hands in the air and are just going for it. This week's cover story isn't shocking for what they're writing about, but rather what they're implying.

The headline screams "Will & Jada's Divorce Secret: The Man Who Came Between Them!" And the magazine goes on to say that **Duane Martin**, **Tisha Campbell-Martin's** husband, and **Will Smith** are just way too close, going on vacations to Miami, Trinidad and Las Vegas together. A "source" practically outs Smith:

"**Jada [Pinkett Smith]** can't stand Will's relationship with Duane. She feels like Will flaunts it in her face, hanging out with him every day and taking him on exotic vacations while she's sitting home alone. Will and Jada's marriage is completely fractured, and it's only getting worse as Will spends more time away with Duane. I don't know how much longer they can live this way. It's only a matter of time until one of them makes the split official and files for divorce."

Of course, there have been whispers about both Will and Jada's sexuality for years, but no magazine has so blatantly gone there. Unless, of course, I'm just totally reading into this and it's super hetero to go on a myriad of exotic vacations with just your best friend and not your wife?

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▶ Duane Martin, left, and Will Smith posed at the premiere of "Deliver Us from Eva" in 2003. Star uses the same photo!

Just say no to Bullock and Ratner

Sandra Bullock and director **Brett Ratner** want to make it clear that they are not hooking up, no matter what the tabloids say. In Touch reported that the pair had been seeing each other for weeks before offering up some public displays of affection at an Oscars party. But Bullock and Ratner beg to differ: "We think that it's incredibly sad that in these times, this magazine would resort to complete fabrication, solely for financial gain," the two say in a joint statement. "There is not a shred of accuracy in their story. We have not seen nor spoken to each other for over a decade. We both had a great time after the Oscars, just not with each other."

Bullock

Talking points

Seyfried and Hartnett are an item

Despite claims last month that she's happily single, **Amanda Seyfried** has reportedly been dating **Josh Hartnett** since January, according to Us Weekly. The pair were set up by a mutual friend, sources say, and for now the relationship has been fairly casual. "Josh likes to keep things low-key, so they've just been hanging out," a source says.

▶ Seyfried

Simpson misses the scotch

Jessica Simpson says she found out she was pregnant thanks to some intuition right before a planned day of binge-drinking. "We were going to have an all-day drinking binge," Simpson tells Elle magazine. "Going to ride our bikes, hang out, do naughty things. But I started feeling this overwhelming guilt. Why would I feel guilt at the idea of going out and having cocktails with my friends?" Somehow she knew to take a pregnancy test, which obviously put the drinking marathon on hold. "I'm a free-spirited girl, but giving up my scotch? My Macallan 18? That was hard for me," Simpson says of being pregnant.

The Hulk's sex tape?

The latest celebrity to have to deal with the leak of a purported personal sex tape? **Hulk Hogan**. A video allegedly featuring the wrestling veteran and an unidentified woman — though not his ex-wife or his current wife — is reportedly being shopped around to adult film outlets, according to TMZ. A lawyer for Hogan (whose real name is Terry Bollea) says his client is mortified. "Terry Bollea is appalled at the unauthorized release of a secretly filmed video," attorney David Houstan says. "He neither approved of the filming nor the release of the same. It is clearly an outrageous invasion of privacy and breach of trust if it is genuine. We will take all necessary steps to enforce both civil and criminal liability."

▶ Hulk Hogan

1. Steven Pasquale was seen on the streets of Philly on Wednesday. Is that an "I Love New York" shirt he's wearing? Egad!

2. Thom Yorke of Radiohead performed on stage at The Frank Erwin Center on Wednesday in Austin.

3. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi filmed a scene of her "Jersey Shore" spin-off reality show at her apartment on Thursday in Jersey City.

4. Brad Goreski promoted his new book, "Born To Be Brad: My Life And Style, So Far," at Barnes & Noble at FIT on Wednesday in New York City.

5. William H. Macy and wife **Felicity Huffman** were honored with Stars on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame on Wednesday in Hollywood.

6. Like mother, like daughter: **Kate Hudson** and **Goldie Hawn** attended the Hawn Foundation U.K. launch event hosted by Goldie Hawn at Annabels on Wednesday in London.

7. Julianne Moore attended the "Game Change" premiere at the Ziegfeld Theater on Wednesday in New York City.

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2: ANDY SHEPPARD/REDFERNS VIA GETTY IMAGES
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Letters

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Religious freedom good; bigotry, not

RE: "PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION WITHOUT HAVING TO BE SECOND-GUESSED": Regarding Kirk Cameron's worship of evil, injustice, hatred and bigotry: That's a right he has, and others have a right to defend him. It does not, however, make his views correct. The Bible did not float down from heaven on a gold cloud. While people have a right to think a book cobbled together over a thousand years was dictated word for word by God, I also have the right to think those people are idiots who, for the sake of humanity, should be sent to live in the Arctic Circle. The difference is that I'm not the one trying to make my beliefs the law that everyone must abide by.
DOUGLAS BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

"The word of God" in the Bible you love so much states that I am allowed to stone my wife to death if she unfaithful. Clearly there is much of the Bible that is complete garbage. If you love Jesus so much, why don't you act like him? Kirk Cameron and people like him are selectively hateful bigots. Period! **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

Hey Metro, where's my letter-writer?

I would like to exchange a defective copy of the Metro that I received last week. This particular edition did not include a letter from Robert La Rosa. Surely this was an oversight on someone's part. How can I be expected to function at my peak without a daily dose of Mr. La Rosa's cleverness?
BRIAN HANNAN, PHILADELPHIA

"Limbaugh actually asked Ms. Fluke to ... perform sex acts on film for his viewing pleasure."

It's true there are plenty of men who disrespect women no matter what their political affiliation. What many don't seem to realize is that Rush Limbaugh actually asked Ms. Fluke to remove her clothes and perform sex acts on film for his viewing pleasure. For this reason alone, anyone who has a mother or daughter should be disgusted. This goes far beyond name-calling.
CINDY WELCH, VIA E-MAIL

Don't trust leaders to do the right thing

RE: "WE CAN TRUST THE NEXT GUY, RIGHT?": Mr Simms' column on Thursday is among the best and most insightful pieces on the administration's questionable policies I've seen. We should take his warning about potential abuses of these same policies by future presidents to heart. Does anyone seriously believe a President Romney or Santorum would hesitate to use these powers to "remove" those they see as enemies, be they foreign or domestic?
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

News media lets Obama off the hook

I heard on a news station that consumer debt is on the rise, and that it's a good thing! I was told that this was a sign of consumer confidence and not an act of desperation! News agencies have yet to give Obama anything but positive spin. We are making less today than in the past, and our money is inflated by the Fed's printing presses! If we don't vote Chairman Obama out of office in November, say goodbye to America!
JOSEPH DUPONT, PHILADELPHIA

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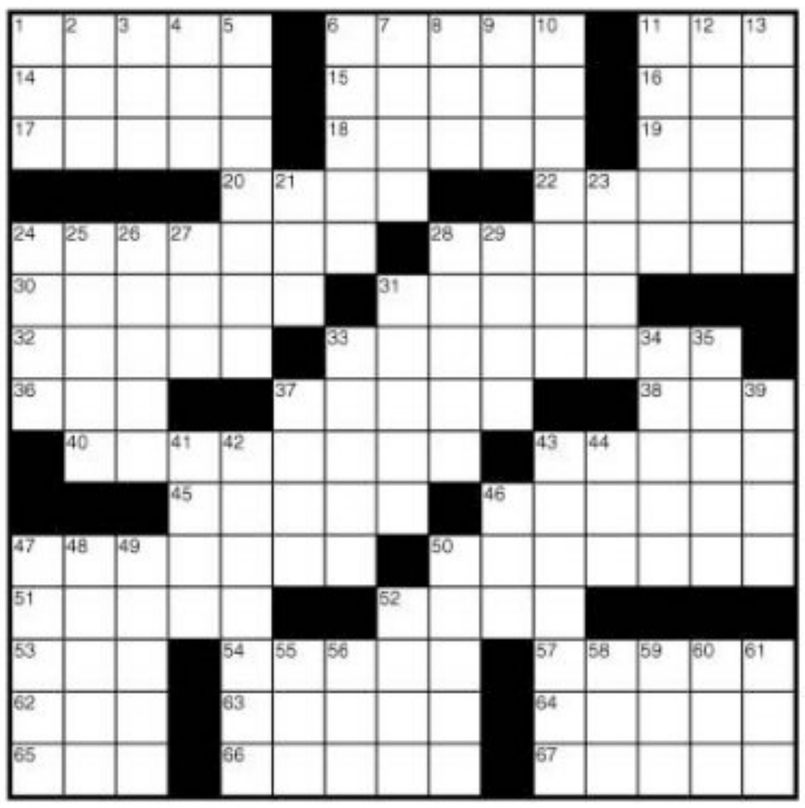
Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Even if you're usually pragmatic when it comes to the management of your resources, today might be an exception. Unfortunately, you could yield to powerful, impractical inclinations.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you are especially bewitched by a certain product, you might not be able to distinguish between a good deal and a bad one. Take some time to check out its true worth, and don't be fooled by the razzle-dazzle.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It's good to be optimistic and hopeful, but be sure your thinking is grounded in realism as well. If your thoughts are founded upon illusions, disappointment is probable.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** If a certain clique you've been hanging out with contains a few members who think they are superior to other people, you might want to take some time to reconsider your involvement.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You should take care that you don't lower your standards if you find yourself hanging out with a few people who seem to be operating on a substandard level. If you sense this, excuse yourself immediately.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although normally you're a pretty easy person to get along with, there are times that you can be contrary. If you find you are challenging everything that others say or do, get a grip.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There are certain hot spots pertaining to your material affairs that need to be handled with asbestos gloves. Be particularly cautious with finances.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Keep in mind that what may be important to you might not be of equal significance to your associates. Face the facts, and you won't be surprised.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It behooves you to pay closer attention than usual to assignments or tasks that you consider to be unpleasant. When we resist doing something, there is greater risk of blowing it.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you find that someone in your group is doing something that you consider to be dishonest or stupid, back away quietly without making a huge fuss.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Try to be open-minded and forgiving if there is someone in your household who is acting rebellious. If you respond in kind and make waves, the storm will only linger longer.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Be above it all and don't take it personally if every suggestion you make is rejected or put down. There is nothing wrong with your ideas, it's just that others will be promoting their own. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

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SOLE STEADY

Craig Finn puts his band on Hold for his 'Clear Heart Full Eyes' Singer talks about 'pushing forward to the point of discomfort'

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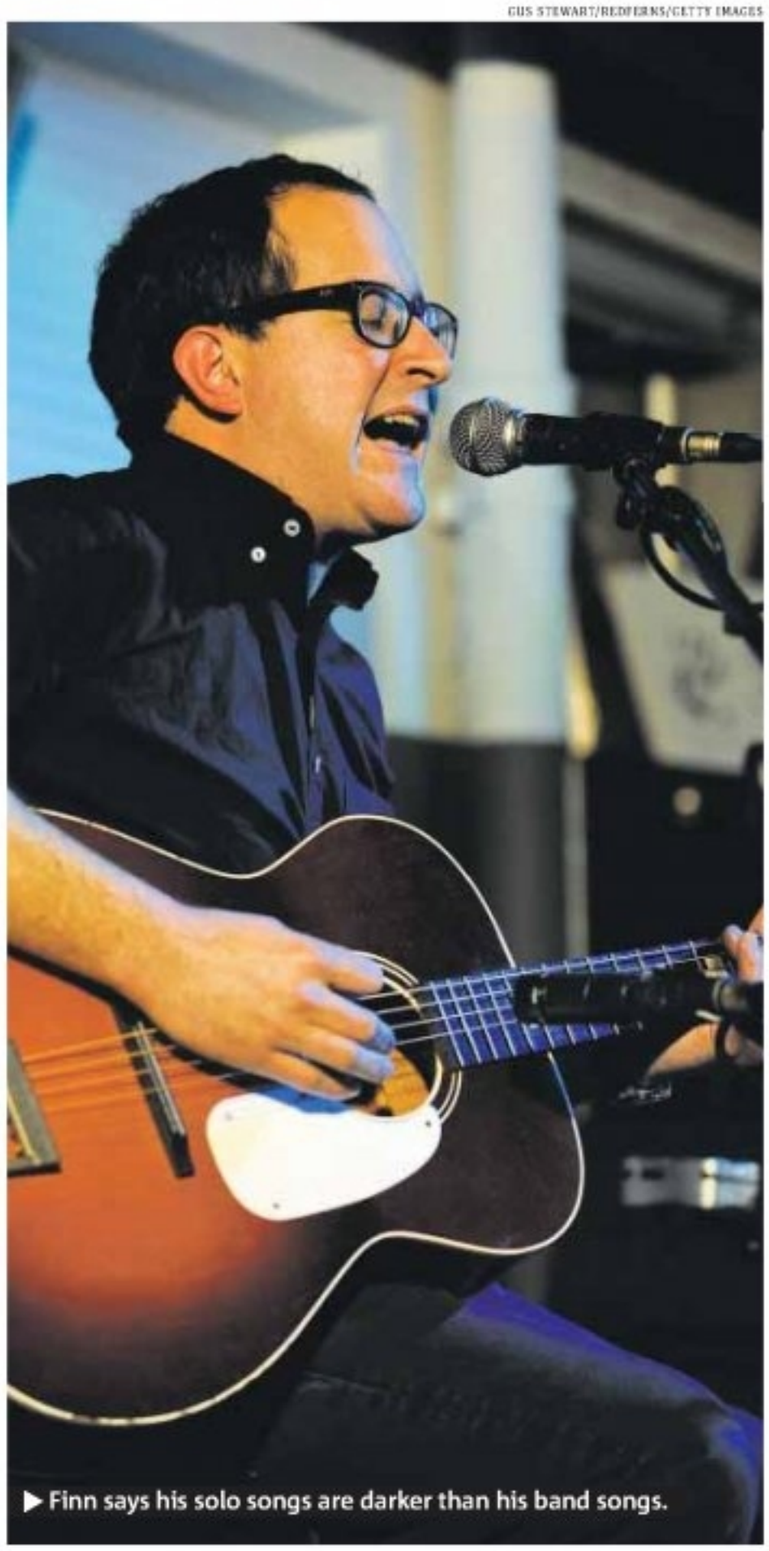

▶ Finn says his solo songs are darker than his band songs.

Best known as the frontman and lyricist for the Hold Steady, Craig Finn is taking a brief hiatus from the band and going out on his own. His solo record, "Clear Heart Full Eyes," came out earlier this month and he's now on tour to promote and preview his new songs.

"We decided to take a four- or five-month break and I needed something to do," says Finn. "I had made five records in seven years with the Hold Steady and figured I would step outside and get some perspective. That's the best way to grow artistically. I'm a big fan of pushing forward to the point of discomfort. I took new approaches with this one that would benefit me and the Hold Steady."

With an educated and spoken-word delivery, Finn's rapid rants often reflect the passion that Jack Kerouac was able to put to his typewriter with the immediacy of those amphetamine-fueled fingers. But while Finn's recurring characters strayed from the straight and narrow, his band's songs usually offered some sort of solace or catharsis in the end — with his solo record, not so much.

"I think [the solo record] lacks some of the optimism that the Hold Steady has," notes Finn. "The Hold Steady is positive, and there's a celebrated nature to the music. I chose to take a little break from that."

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The Black Keys with Arctic Monkeys
Saturday, 8 p.m.
$39-$55, Wells Fargo Center
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Young the Giant with Grouplove
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$20, Electric Factory
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John K. Samson and The Provincial Band with Shotgun Jimmy
Sunday, 8:30 p.m.
$15, Union Transfer
www.r5productions.com

The Big Horn Jazz Band
Sunday, 6 p.m.
$10, Johnny Brenda's
www.johnnybrendas.com

The Saw Doctors
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O.A.R.
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Obits with The Fists
Thursday, 9 p.m.
$12, Johnny Brenda's
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FOOD AND DRINK

Shad menu at Oyster House
Monday through March 17
Oyster House, 1516 Sansom St.
www.oysterhousephilly.com
It's shad season, and Oyster House chef Andy Kitko is honoring the fish with a special three-course dinner menu this week ($40 per person). Included will be pickled shad, a smoked shad roe croquette and a spring-appropriate seared shad with fava beans, grilled cipollini, pea tendrils and romesco.

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▶ The Black Keys play the Wells Fargo Center on Saturday.

Art in the Age at Ela
Tuesday
Ela, 627 S. Third St.
www.elaphilly.com
Ela chef and owner Jason Cichonski is serving up a five-course dinner to pair with cocktails featuring Art in the Age's Root, Snap and Rhuby liqueurs. As for menu highlights, things start with a scallop tartar with vanilla, kiwi and coconut.

St. Practice Day Street Festival
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Locust St. between 15th and 16th sts.
www.fadoirishpub.com
We're not saying we condone it, but if you're going to be drunk the entire week you need to start early.

Pig Out at Amada
March 25
Amada, 217-219 Chestnut St.
www.amadarestaurant.com
Amada's signature dish, cochinillo asado (a roasted whole suckling pig), is usually only available as a pre-ordered dish for parties of four or more. But this special two-seating feast ($55 per person) will feature all-you-can-eat hand-carved pig along with fixings such as tortilla espanola and roasted fingerling potatoes.

CASINO LISTINGS

MUSIC

Dropkick Murphys
Friday, 8 p.m.
House of Blues in Showboat
$26-$36, 609-343-5700
www.showboatac.com

Hard Rock Rising: The Global Battle of The Bands
Saturday, 9 p.m.
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Hey Phillies fans, time to show some respect to 'Juanita'

- Pierre trying to earn roster spot as fifth outfielder
- Former Marlin, Dodger remembers taunts well

Juan Pierre can still hear the taunts in his head. The outfielder who tormented the Phillies with his speed and small-ball skills during the last decade got an earful from the Phillies' faithful every time he played center or left field for the Marlins or Dodgers.

"You could hear them," Pierre said. "Phillies fans would call you every name in the book. They would call me Juanita. It wasn't so bad when I was in center but when I played left at Citizens Bank Park, they're so close to you."

Pierre hopes to hear the fans this season while wearing red pinstripes. Pierre is vying for the fifth outfielder spot.

"I would love to play for this team," Pierre said. "They play the game the right way. You look at how Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley and Shane Victorino play. It's the way everyone should play. It's no wonder this team has been so successful over the years."

Pierre, who stole 68 bases for the White Sox in 2010, is very comfortable in the clubhouse. Throughout the early days of spring, he's usually chatting with Rollins, his locker neighbor, and longtime friend Dontrelle Willis.

"Dontrelle and I are as good a friends as there can be," Pierre said. "Jimmy and I broke into the big leagues at the same time and we were the same kind of players until he started popping home runs."

Perhaps the patient Pierre could help the Phillies by getting on and stealing bases. He's 3-for-8 (.375 average) this spring in four games, with one stolen bag.

"That's my game," Pierre said. "I think I have something to offer this team, but the Phillies won 102 games last season. Whatever ball they played last year, long ball, small ball, worked. This is a team that's going to have a great season whether I make this team or not.

"I think you have to be foolish to underestimate this team when you look at the talent and what this team has done over recent years. I've respected this team from the other dugout for many years and now I'm in their clubhouse. It's great."

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▶ Pierre is batting .375 so far this spring.

Phillies 5

Pirates 4

- The Phillies needed 10 innings thursday to beat Pittsburgh. **Lou Montanez** led off the bottom of the 10th with a home run.
- **Cole Hamels** got the start and tossed 3 2/3 scoreless innings. He looked sharp and allowed just four hits while striking out two Pirates.
- **Shane Victorino** was the star for the Phils' regulars, after blasting a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth. **Hunter Pence** went 2-for-3 with a run scored.

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Atlantic 10 tournament quarterfinals begin Friday • Owls locked in • Explorers, Hawks have work to do

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But that's then. This is now.

And the Owls are solely focused on winning another Atlantic 10 tournament in Atlantic City. They open the quarterfinal round Friday against Massachusetts. It won't be easy for the Owls (24-6), who needed overtime to dispatch UMass, 90-88, in the regular season home finale.

Temple coach Fran Dunphy has led the team to an impressive 134-63 record, three Atlantic 10 tournament titles and four NCAA tournament berths in six seasons on North Broad Street. A fifth NCAA berth is a virtual lock, but the Owls want more.

What if Temple advanced to face Saint Joseph's in the semifinals? The Hawks (20-12) could state a strong case for an NCAA bid with a win or two in this tournament. It starts with a tough matchup against St. Bonaventure (17-11), which upended the Hawks in double overtime on Feb. 29.

With a win, the Hawks would advance to the Atlantic 10 semifinals for the 15th time in school history and the second consecutive year.

The third quarterfinal features La Salle (21-11) against Saint Louis (24-6), one of the stingiest defensive teams in the country. A victory over the Billikens could secure at least an NIT berth for the Explorers. That would be a major accomplishment for this group, which defeated Richmond in the opening round.

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A-10's last stand in AC

This is the last year for the A-10 at Boardwalk Hall. The tourney shifts to Brooklyn's new Barclays Center in 2013. Temple is a lock to join the field of 68. Over the past four years, the A-10 has usually earned three bids to the Big Dance, with a school advancing to the Sweet Sixteen during that stretch. METRO

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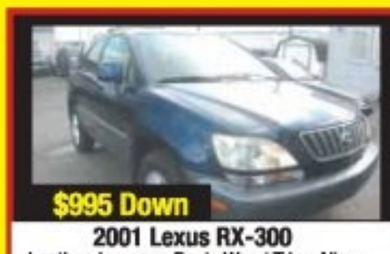
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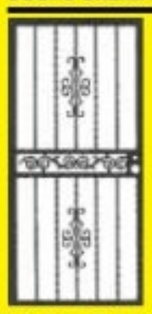

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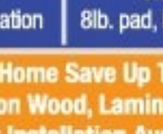

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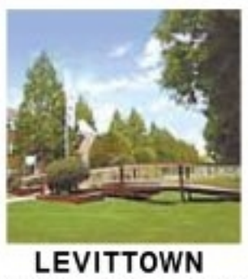

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